

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 37-53 are presently active in this case. Claims 54-60 have been canceled by way of the present amendment.

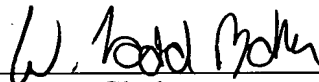
In the outstanding office action, claim 57 was rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph and claims 54-56 and 58-60 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent No. 5,379,230 to Morikawa et al.

Claims 37-53 were indicated as being allowable. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In light of the cancellation of claims 54-60, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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